

Central Vermont Continuum of Care Staffing Process



Outcomes –

- Children live in safe & supportive families
- Adults lead healthy & productive lives
- Elders & people with disabilities live with dignity & independence in settings they prefer
- Communities provide safety & support for families & individuals

Goals –

- To decrease the rate of homelessness of individuals & families
- To maximize efficient use of available housing resources

Strategies/Process –

1. Continuum of Care receives referrals from local community & state organizations to address housing needs & how to maximize the emergency, short term, or transitional housing stock in central Vermont, i.e., matching the needs of the people referred with the available housing options.
2. Referrals are received by the Continuum of Care representative (currently Don Mandelkorn at 479-7594 or don.mandelkorn@ahs.state.vt.us) a week before the Continuum of Care meeting. The referral source completes the 1 page referral form (available at <http://www.humanservices.vermont.gov> under Housing Now). A signed permission/release of information form must be completed prior to the Continuum of Care discussion. Client participation is welcome.
3. The staffing discussion focuses on immediate or short term housing needs, but may also offer suggestions for additional service needs and encourage use of the teamwork model if it appears coordination amongst the providers is needed.

Benefits –

- Improved use of existing housing, staff & financial resources
- Increased utilization of the Rental Opportunity Center
- Focuses on individual or family's "next step" – less reliant on short term solutions
- Identification of individual & macro needs – helps to inform further community strategies

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